that taluk. That was one of the reasons for the mortality *i.e.*, there was lack of staff to meet or check the disease. Later on we sent an expert from this place. Then serum and about 40 men were sent from here.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—In view of the extensive area and the lack of communications in the petha, does not the Government think that the veterinary staff provided at present is insufficient?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—It is true. The present personnel is quite insufficient to meet such situations. Therefore we have made arrangements in each district to meet the contingencies which may arise every year.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Is the Government aware that this epidemic of Anthrax has spread even to human beings?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I am not aware.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—In view of the fact that this disease has spread even to human beings, what preventive action does the Government propose to take in this matter?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—That will be examined. The Hon'ble Member has not brought it to the notice of Government.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—So far as such emergency staff is concerned, may I know whether Government has any policy to train the persons who will be available at the nick of time?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—That is the policy of Government. The cost will be very heavy. Even then we want to take all precautions to meet such emergencies.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—What is the mechanism of Government to send reports of outbreaks of epidemics immediately to the Veterinary Hospitals?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—The lack of it is one of the reasons for not taking effective steps immediately. Firstly, it was not reported to the Veterinary Officers and secondly the Department received information only after 15 days. Therefore, there was delay. Therefore, we have to make new arrangement to see that the report reaches the Veterinary Department immediately.

Dr R. NAGAN GOWDA.—In the meanwhile, have they any proposal to issue a circular to the village officers to communicate such outbreaks immediately to the Veterinary Officers?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—That will be considered.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—What financial aid was given to the cultivators in view of the fact that mortality was very high and the cultivators suffered very much?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Sufficient loan has been sanctioned.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—How much?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I am not aware of the extent of aid. At the request of the people sufficient loan has been advanced to the extent of more than a lakh of rupees.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Was it loan in the form of tagavi?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Yes.

Construction of a Building for Veterinary Hospital, Sivarapatna, Malur Taluk.

Q.—1063. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the present Veterinary Hospital was started at Sivarapatna in Malur taluk;

(*b*) whether a representation has been made for the construction of a hospital building for the purpose of running the hospital;

(*c*) the action taken by the Government on the representation for the purpose of constructing the Veterinary Hospital building?

A.—H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) 27th June 1949.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The beneficiaries are being asked to raise contributions and complete the Type Design building partly built as early as possible.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What is the estimate of the building for the Veterinary Hospital ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—It is not prepared because the public undertook to build the Veterinary Dispensary.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is any provision made in the budget for the construction of the Veterinary Hospitals ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—I require notice.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that no provision has been made for the construction of Veterinary Hospitals in the same way as in the case of hospitals meant for the treatment of human beings ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—That may be true. Large number of donations was coming forth from the people to build hospitals and so I think Government thought there was no necessity to make any provision.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are not the Government aware that the Sivarapatna Hospital is being run in a rented building and that the people there are not in a position to build a building of their own ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Now, the public have come forward to construct the building and it is nearing completion.

(In spite of being repeatedly called upon to put the question Sri Kariappa in whose name Q. 1138 stood did not rise to put it)

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member does not want to put his question. We may go to the next question.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA—Sir, should not the Hon'ble Member rise and say that he does not want to put it ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It does not matter. It amounts to the same.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Does it not amount to contempt ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—No, the House is not seized of the question.

Starting of a Veterinary College in Northern Karnatak.

Q.—1173. Sri F. H. MOHSIN (Hubli City).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when do they propose to start the Veterinary College in the Northern Karnataka ;

(*b*) whether any sum is earmarked in this year's Budget for that purpose ;

(*c*) whether they consider Hubli to be the most suitable place for such a College ;

(*d*) if not, the place in their view ?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Government has already decided to establish a Veterinery College at Hebbal. It does not therefore propose to start a Veterinary College in the Northern Karnatak.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) and (*d*) Does not arise.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Is it a fact that the Government had decided earlier to open a Veterinary College in Northern Karnatak ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—No. The decision was taken only once and there was no earlier decision.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—What were the special reasons for taking this decision?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—The special reasons were that it should be located where clinical and other facilities are available to train the students.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—What is the estimate for the construction of the building and equipment ?

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—We have not yet prepared any estimate for the building. We have only sent the proposal to the Government of India not only to get their approval but also to get the loan for this purpose. Therefore, I am unable to give you the exact amount required for the building.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Is there a proposal to use the third storey of the building that is being constructed for running the Veterinary College ?